

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The data recording apparatus is capable of writing an identification datum, which identifies that data written in a recording medium are encrypted, in the recording medium so as to know if the recorded data are encrypted or not when they are read. In the apparatus, a control unit stores data sent from outside in a storing unit, encrypts the data stored in the storing unit and/or data of a system area of the recording medium by an encrypting unit, on the basis of a password, so as to make the encrypted data and/or the encrypted system area data, writes the encrypted data and/or the encrypted system area data in the recording medium by a writing unit, and writes the identification datum in the recording medium by the writing unit.